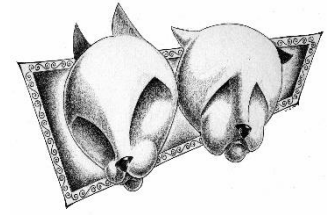




2016 CAT AWARD **RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED!**



Saturday, August 27, 2016, marked the **13th Annual CAT Awards**, a celebration of Calgary's Community Theatre at the University of Calgary's Rozsa Centre.

The annual CAT Awards is an event that celebrates the quality of work that Calgarians can expect to see from Community Theatre in Calgary and surrounding areas. The CAT Awards are produced by Calgary-ACTS (Calgary's Alliance of Community Theatres) which focuses on promoting community theatre in Calgary, by informing its members and the public of events related to the arts, and providing a communication and support network for its members. Recipients of the CAT Awards are determined by a combined process of public nomination and adjudication. We encourage you all to attend community theatre productions and nominate your favourites throughout the upcoming 2016-2017 season. Please visit www.calgary-acts.com to nominate anyone (starting September 1st), or if you have any questions about the CAT Awards or Calgary-ACTS.

We are proud to name **Sharon Olsen** as the recipient of the **Sandy Singer Award** for Outstanding Contribution to Community Theatre this year. Sharon works tirelessly for all community theatre companies to find a prop, dress a set, help backstage, as well she sits on the Calgary-ACTS and the CAT Awards committees. She has taken it upon herself to organize and archive the important information for Calgary-ACTS.

In recognition of **Scorpio Theatre's** diligent efforts over the last several years to turn an underused office building into a thriving arts hub used by several theatre and service organizations for rehearsals, meetings, storage, and as a general gathering place for artistic ideas to come alive, Scorpio is this year's recipient of the **Community Builder Award**.

Every year, theatre companies are given the opportunity to honour any of their exceptional volunteers. These volunteers are people who have gone above and beyond the normal to ensure that the show, project, or event they are working on is a success.

Recipients of the 2016 Volunteer Awards:

Scorpio Theatre – Patrick Fitzsimmons
Front Row Centre – Ken Silcox and Steven Eastgaard-Ross
Simply Theatre – Joey Sayer and Ginette Simonot
Morpheus Theatre – Jody Low and Meredith Anderson
Strathmore Theatre Players Guild – Al and Kathy Light

Congratulations to all recipients and nominees for a wonderful 2015-2016 season! See you next year!

2016 CAT Awards Committee

2016 CAT Award Recipients

Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Actor in a Play

John Warkentin as Bird O'Donnell in *The Field* (Liffey Players)

Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Actress in a Play

Emma Gallaher as Katie in *Conventional Lunacy* (Scorpio Theatre)

Outstanding Soundscape in a Play

Troy Couillard for *The Dinner Party* (Morpheus Theatre)

Outstanding Sound Effects in a Musical

Dan Derksen for *Catch Me If You Can* (Front Row Centre Players)

Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Actress in a Musical

Mandee Marcil as Martha Dunstock in *Heathers The Musical* (Cappuccino Theatre)

Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Actor in a Musical

James Noonan as Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh in *Sullivan & Gilbert* (Morpheus Theatre)

Outstanding Ensemble in a Play

The Dinner Party (Graeme Frank Edward Black, Michelle Brandenburg, Luke Foster, Dorin McIntosh, Leanne Melathopolous, Ginette Simonot) (Morpheus Theatre)

Outstanding Chorus in a Musical

Catch Me If You Can (Cody Field, Vincent Kanasoot, Izaha Cochran, Danielle Desmarais, Nicole Bouwman, Ginette Simonot, Ashlyn Beatty, Lyndsey Paterson, Nicole Heide, Alexander Moorman, Ethan Taylor, Jordan Dahl) (Front Row Centre Players)

Outstanding Lighting Design

James Ravenhill for *The Field* (Liffey Players)

Outstanding Choreography

Christine Mooney for *Catch Me If You Can* (Front Row Centre Players)

Outstanding Stage Fight

John Knight for *She Kills Monsters* (Simply Theatre)

Outstanding Stagecraft

Bill Torrie (With Bill Brown, Harlan Sterner & Sue Soprovich: Props and Set Decoration: Sharon Olsen & Elizabeth Siemens Shewchuk) for *The Field* (Liffey Players)

Outstanding Costume Design

Sandy Forbes for *Catch Me If You Can* (Front Row Centre Players)

Outstanding Original Script or Adaptation

Dan Gibbins for *Conventional Lunacy* (Scorpio Theatre)

Outstanding Musical Direction

Danielle Wahl for *Catch Me if You Can* (Front Row Centre Players)

Outstanding Performance by a Leading Actor in a Play

Jerod Blake as Billy in *Eden* (Liffey Players)

Outstanding Performance by a Leading Actress in a Play

Katelyn Morishita as Breda in *Eden* (Liffey Players)

Outstanding Direction of a Play

Mike Johnson for *Death of a Salesman* (Morpheus Theatre)

Outstanding Direction of a Musical

Jeff Diodati (with Jamie Eastgaard-Ross) for *Catch Me If You Can* (Front Row Centre Players)

Outstanding Performance by a Leading Actress in a Musical

Jenna Fraser as Brenda Strong in *Catch Me if You Can* (Front Row Centre Players)

Outstanding Performance by a Leading Actor in a Musical

Bryan Smith as Frank Abagnale, Jr. in *Catch Me if You Can* (Front Row Centre Players)

Outstanding Production of a Play

Death of a Salesman

Producer: Sean Anderson; Assistant Producer: Kurt Archer

Director: Mike Johnson; Assistant Director: Caren Johnson

Stage Manager: Scott Fea

(Morpheus Theatre)

Outstanding Production of a Musical

Catch Me if You Can

Producer: Kristine Astop

Director: Jeff Diodati; Assistant Director: Jamie Eastgaard-Ross

Musical Director: Danielle Wahl

Choreographer: Christine Mooney

Stage Manager: Krista Hudson

(Front Row Centre Players)

As always we appreciate the number of professional theatre participants contributed to a variety of productions this year. The CAT Award Committee thank them for their participation and appreciate that their efforts that help raise the bar for community theatre in Calgary and area.

For a full list of the nominees, please visit www.calgary-acts.com.
